

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY AGRICULTURE ELEMENT

1998 AGRICULTURE AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY GENERAL PLAN

AGRICULTURAL POLICIES (AGP)

AGP6: Visitor Serving and Retail Commercial Use and Facilities.

- a. **Allow limited visitor serving and incidental retail use and facilities in agricultural areas that are beneficial to the agricultural industry and farm operators and are compatible with long-term agricultural use of the land. Such uses shall be clearly incidental and secondary to the primary agricultural use of the site and shall comply with the performance standards in the LUO.**
- b. **Locate the visitor serving and incidental retail use off of productive agricultural lands unless there are no other feasible locations. Locate new structures where land use compatibility, circulation, and infrastructure capacity exist or can be developed compatible with agricultural uses.**

Discussion: This policy recognizes the increasing need of farmers and ranchers to diversify their on-site activities from production through the marketing of their agricultural products. On-site and area-specific promotion and marketing of local agricultural products can also enhance local tourism.

Implementation: Both the LUE (Table 'O', Allowable Uses) and LUO allow a variety of uses accessory to agricultural operations, such as a winery tasting room, a bed-and-breakfast, or a restaurant. The accessory uses must be clearly incidental and secondary to the primary agricultural use of the site and must comply with performance standards in the ordinance. The types of uses and the effectiveness of the performance standards for their establishment should be monitored over time and, if necessary, future amendments proposed that will enhance the agricultural operations by the establishment of accessory uses.

Timeframe: On-going.